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The following funds for the payment of laborers wages

Area	Amount in Won
Hungnam (N 39-50, E 127-37)(CV8210)	
a. Majon-ni (N 39-51, E 127-41)(CV8711)	130,935.10
b. Nungsan	143,638.07
c. Unbong (N 39-49, E 127-55)(CV6512)	22,720.18
d. Majon (N 39-51, E 127-41)(CV8711)	2,877.00
e. Pokku	86,572.12
f. Maebong (N 39-52, E 127-38)(CV8313)	86,124.41
g. Hungdok (N 39-59, E 127-49)(CV9926)	2,287.22
Yonghung (N 39-33, E 127-14)(CU4879)	48,449.35
Hungsang (N 39-51, E 127-26)(CV6612)	878.24

Comments

1. this plant, believed to have been founded during the Japanese occupation, covered an area of 2 x 1 kilometers in Pon'gung (N 39-52, E 127-34)(CV7713). In March 1954 the plant was producing candles, soap, acetylene and alcohol and employed about 3,000 workers. Although the plant was heavily damaged during the Korean War, it continued in operation and smoke was seen coming from the chimneys in the plant area. Radio P'yongyang reported the reconstruction of the soda workshops on 26 March 1955. North Korean Press Summary Number 323, dated 5 August 1955, stated that the Pon'gung Chemical Factory was under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Chemical Industry and that it manufactured brick. The plant was listed among those overproducing their March quotas.

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2. The locations given appear to identify components of the Pon'gung State Chemical Factory complex.

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